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STATE CYRUS VANCE AT LUNCHEON GIVEN BY MEXICAN FOREIGN
SECRETARY SANTIAGO ROEL AT THE MEXICAN SECRETARIAT OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MAY 4, 1978

QUOTE: MY DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES, SECRETARY ROEL, MRS.
ROEL, YOUR DISTINGUISHED AMBASSADOR MR. MARGAIN, OUR
DISTINGUISHED AMBASSADOR MR. PATRICK AND MRS. LUCEY,
DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE MEXICAN DELEGATION:

LET ME SAY THAT THIS IS A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE FOR MY
WIFE AND ME AND FOR ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR DELEGATION;
FOR GAY AND FOR ME THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT WE HAVE
BEEN IN MEXICO CITY. I HAVE HEARD FROM MANY, MANY
PEOPLE ON MANY A DIFFERENT OCCASION OF THE BEAUTY OF
MEXICO, AND OF THE WARMTH AND OF THE FRIENDSHIP OF ITS
PEOPLE. NOW MY WIFE AND I AND ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES ARE
HAVING A CHANCE TO SEE AND EXPERIENCE THAT FOR OUR-
SELVES. I WOULD AGREE WITH MY DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUE
THAT WE SHOULD BE OPTIMISTIC, I'M AN OPTIMIST TOO. AND
THE GLASS IS CERTAINLY MORE THAN HALF FULL. I FEEL THAT
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THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH WE HAVE HAD TODAY HAVE BEEN MOST
FRUITFUL AND IN THIS CONNECTION I WOULD LIKE TO PAY A
TRIBUTE TO MY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE. I HAVE HAD THE PRIVI-
LEGE DURING THE LAST YEAR AND A FEW MONTHS OF MEETING
ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS WITH SANTIAGO ROEL. I HAVE
ALWAYS COME AWAY FROM THOSE MEETINGS THE WISER. HE IS A
GOOD AND DEAR FRIEND AND A DISTINGUISHED LEADER OF THIS

COUNTRY.

LET ME ALSO SAY THAT WE HAVE THE GREATEST ADMIRATION FOR
PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO AND FOR WHAT HE IS DOING FOR
HIS COUNTRY AND THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND LEADERSHIP, NOT
ONLY IN THE REGION BUT IN THE ENTIRE WORLD.

SO, IF I WOULD ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO RISE AND JOIN WITH ME
IN A TOAST TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO AND MRS. LOPEZ
PORTILLO, TO SECRETARY SANTIAGO ROEL AND GLORIA ROEL, AND
TO THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO AND THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR
TWO PEOPLE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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